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## **Quincy Man Convicted of Running Crack Cocaine Business**

Springfield, IL - A federal jury deliberated four hours before finding a Quincy man guilty of multiple drug offenses yesterday afternoon, July 7, 2005, as announced by Jan Paul Miller, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois. Sentencing for Henry D. Johnson, age 30, of Quincy, formerly of Joliet, Illinois, is scheduled for November 4, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. At sentencing, Johnson faces a mandatory minimum of 20 years to life imprisonment.

The trial began on June 27, 2005. Over a period of six days, the government presented evidence which showed that from 2000 until late 2002, Johnson served as a leader or manager, in concert with at least five others, as he repeatedly distributed cocaine, crack cocaine and marijuana, and that he obtained substantial income as a result of his involvement. Evidence and testimony were presented by the government to show that on numerous occasions, Johnson used the telephone to make arrangements to purchase cocaine and that he and others used a residence he managed for his mother, at 908 Chestnut, in Quincy, Illinois, to cook cocaine into crack and to distribute it in Quincy.

Johnson was convicted of each of the ten charges against him: operating a continuing criminal enterprise (one count); use of telephone to facilitate a drug offense (three counts); conspiracy to distribute controlled substances (two counts); conspiracy to maintain a drug-involved premise (one count); maintaining a drug-involved premise (one count); distribution of marijuana (one count); and aiding and abetting the distribution of crack cocaine (one count.)

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The charges were the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the West Central Illinois Task Force, the Quincy Police Department and Illinois State Police.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Patricia A. McNerney who was assisted at trial by Assistant U.S. Attorney Esteban F. Sanchez.

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